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Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretary-General*

1. The sixty-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 18 May to 5 June 2015. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday 18 May at 10 a.m. From Tuesday 19 May in the afternoon to Monday 1 June, the Committee will meet in dual chambers.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure and in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, the Secretary-General has prepared the attached provisional agenda for the sixty-ninth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 39 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public, unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

4. The attention of States parties is drawn in particular to the annotations to item 4, which list the reports that will be before the Committee at its sixty-ninth session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 67 of the rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 22 to 26 September 2014.

* Late submission.

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Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Committee on the Rights of the Child may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matters concerning the performance of its functions under the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

3. Submission of reports by States parties

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-ninth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below) and reports included in the provisional agenda for the sixty-eighth session (CRC/C/68/1), the Secretary-General has received the following reports under the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

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State party	*Due in*	*Symbol*
South Africa	2002	CRC/C/ZAF/2
Georgia	2011	CRC/C/GEO/4
Malawi	2013	CRC/C/MWI/3-5

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

State party	*Due in*	*Symbol*
Bhutan	2011	CRC/C/OPSC/BTN/1
Malawi	2011	CRC/C/OPSC/MWI/1

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict

State party	*Due in*	*Symbol*
Bhutan	2012	CRC/C/OPAC/BTN/1
Malawi	2012	CRC/C/OPAC/MWI/1

Overdue reports

Under rule 71 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. The full list of initial and periodic reports due under the Convention and the initial and periodic reports due under the Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OPAC) and the Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (OPSC) can be found in the document on the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/69/2). That document also indicates exceptional measures taken by the Committee in respect of States parties encountering problems in complying with the strict time frame for submission of reports established under article 44, paragraph 1, of the Convention, or the consideration of whose reports has been delayed.

4. Consideration of reports of States parties

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the sixty-ninth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Date	*Time*	*Agenda item*	*Chamber A*	*Chamber B*
Tuesday 19 May 2015	3 p.m.	4	Eritrea CRC	Mexico CRC
Wednesday 20 May 2015	10 a.m.	4	Eritrea CRC (*continued*)	Mexico CRC (*continued*)
	3 p.m.	4	Ghana CRC	Honduras CRC
Thursday 21 May 2015	10 a.m.	4	Ghana CRC (*continued*)	Honduras CRC (*continued*)
	3 p.m.	4	Nepal CRC	Honduras OPAC/OPSC
Friday 22 May 2015	10 a.m.	4	Nepal CRC (*continued*)	Ethiopia CRC
	3 p.m.	4	Nepal OPAC	Ethiopia CRC (*continued*)
Wednesday 27 May 2015	10 a.m.	4	Netherlands CRC	Lao People's Democratic Republic OPSC
	3 p.m.	4	Netherlands CRC (*continued*)	Lao People's Democratic Republic OPAC
Thursday 28 May 2015	10 a.m.	4	Israel OPSC	

In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. The representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their States, and may also submit further information.

In accordance with rule 72 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and venue of the sixty-ninth session of the Committee and the meetings at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend those meetings of the Committee.

5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

Under this item, the Committee will pursue its discussion on how its cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

6. Methods of work of the Committee and treaty-body strengthening

Under this item, the Committee will pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports of States parties and their follow-up. In particular, the Committee will continue its discussion on issues related to its methods of work, especially those concerning the Optional Protocol on a communications procedure. The Committee will also continue its discussion on the follow-up to the treaty-body strengthening process. With respect to the latter, the Committee will have at its disposal the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for

Human Rights on the strengthening of the human rights treaty bodies (A/66/860) and General Assembly resolution 68/268 of 9 April 2014 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system.

7. Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure

Under this item, the Committee will consider any communication and information it has received in relation to the Optional Protocol.

8. Days of general discussion

Under this item, as the Committee decided at its sixty-second session to hold a day of general discussion every two years, it will look at possible themes for the 2016 day of general discussion.

9. General comments

Under this item, the Committee will continue work on three general comments on: public spending to realize children's rights; adolescents; and children in street situations, respectively. The Committee will continue its consideration of possible topics for future general comments.

10. Future sessions

Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future sessions.

11. Other matters

Under this item, members will discuss any other matters relating to the work of the Committee as considered necessary.